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SUBJECT: DAC MEETING AT SENIOR LEVEL MAY 23

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1. CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS HAS ADVISED US HE HAS CALLED A
DAC MEETING "AT SENIOR LEVEL" FOR MAY 23 TO CONSIDER
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"DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION IN THE CONTEXT OF INTERDEPEND-
ENCE" AND THE IMPLICATIONS THEREOF FOR DAC'S FUTURE
WORK AND PARTICULARLY FOR THE OECD MINISTERIAL MEETING.
THE ORIGINS OF THE MEETING APPEAR TO LIE IN THE SUDDEN
SPURT OF INTEREST BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL AND A FEW
NATIONAL AID ADMINISTRATIONS IN THE POSSIBILITY OF
SHARP INCREASES OF DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE IN THE NEAR FU

FUTURE THROUGH WHICH BOTH DEVELOPMENT OF THE RECIPIENT AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITY OF THE DONOR COULD BE STIMULATED.

2. WE UNDERSTAND FROM WILLIAMS THAT DURING THE TIDE-WATER MEETING OF NATIONAL AID ADMINISTRATORS AND SELECTED INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES, WITH VAN LENNEP ALSO PRESENT, APRIL 7-9 IN NORWAY, THIS QUESTION AROSE IN THE CONTEXT OF COUNTER-CYCLICAL ECONOMIC POLICIES. WILLIAMS REPORTS THAT WILLY BRANDT, WHO WAS PRESENT IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ISSUES COMMISSION, WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THE SUBJECT AND ASKED THE NORWEGIAN REP., STOLTENBERG, TO PREPARE A NOTE ON THE SUBJECT FOR BRANDT TO GIVE TO HELMUT SCHMIDT FOR CONSIDERATION AS ONE ITEM ON THE SUMMIT AGENDA. WE UNDERSTAND FURTHER THAT BRANDT AND STOLTENBERG DID CALL ON THE CHANCELLOR APRIL 14 TO DISCUSS THE SUBJECT AND THAT HE WAS INTERESTED.

3. IN LINE WITH WHAT WAS INDICATED BY SECGEN VAN LENNEP AT XCSS ON APRIL 14 (SEE REFTTEL, PARA 7), WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE OECD SECRETARIAT IS LOOKING INTO FEASIBILITY OF SUGGESTING POSSIBLE WAYS OF MOBILIZING "EXCESS WORLD SAVINGS" INTO ADDITIONAL INVESTMENT IN ENERGY, RAW MATERIAL COMMODITIES AND FOOD. ACCORDING TO UNCLASSIFIED

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SECGEN ECONOMIC ADVISER (MARRIS), NO CLEAR IDEAS HAVE YET EMERGED IN SECRETARIAT, ALTHOUGH RESULTS OF INDIVIDUAL RESEARCH IN VARIOUS DIRECTORATES WILL BE EVALUATED BEFORE MID-MAY. MARRIS NOTED THAT SECGEN IS SEEKING TO FIND A "SENSIBLE SCHEME", TO GET AWAY FROM BOTH (A) WORLD-WIDE COUNTERCYCLICAL IDEAS REFERRED TO IN PARA 2 ABOVE, WHICH VAN LENNEP CONSIDERS POLITICALLY UNREALISTIC AND (B) IDEAS CIRCULATING IN EC COMMISSION TO USE TIED AID TO SUPPORT DECLINING INDUSTRIES, WHICH VAN LENNEP CONSIDERS ECONOMICALLY MISGUIDED.

4. DRAFT AGENDA FOR SUBJECT MEETING FOLLOWS BY SEPTTEL. SALZMAN UNQUOTE VANCE

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